

MERCURY AMALGAM LINKED TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

University of Kentucky researchers have recently completed a study measuring levels of 18 elements in the brains of Alzheimer's disease patients, compared to controls. They found increased ratios of mercury to selenium and mercury to zinc in the Alzheimer patients, especially in the cerebral cortex, responsible for the fine control of movement. These findings were considered to be important because zinc and selenium are regarded as important in protecting the body against the damaging effects of mercury, and increased ratios such as these indicate a mercury link.

A recent report from WHO (World Health Organisation) has stated that mercury is harmful in all doses, and the major source of poisoning in humans is from dental amalgam in filling.

(Source: *Trace Elements in Medicine*, 8 (4) p208 1991; *Australian WellBeing*, #49.)

MIGRATION MYSTERY

In a strange sign of our times, hundreds of migrating birds have fallen



from the sky over Mexico's Yucatan coast during the past three weeks.

Birds from approximately 16 different species, plummeted to earth - for no apparent reason, where they died upon impact.

The birds were flying from Canada and the northern USA, en route to winter feeding grounds in Central and South America.

Air pollution and feather contamination have been ruled out as the cause.

(Source: *The Canberra Times*, Sunday October 25, 1992)

RADIOTHERAPY REDUCES IQ IN CHILDREN

A recent study has shown that children with cancer who are given cranial radiotherapy, show a fall in intelligence quotient during and after treatment.

The head of the department of psychology at the Children's Hospital, Camperdown, Dr. Penelope Cousens, said IQ scores began to rise again about two years after treatment ceased but there was still a big difference between the ini-

tial IQ and the IQ after treatment.

(Source: *The Australian*, 22nd Oct '92)

DOCTOR CALLS FOR DRUG CODE

Dr. Robert Moulds, director of clinical pharmacology at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, has commented that doctors' dependence on the pharmaceutical industry was sufficient ground to develop a code of conduct.

Dr. Moulds says it is extraordinary that the AMA (Australian Medical Association) and the Royal College of General Practitioner do not have a code of conduct for their members' relationships with the pharmaceutical industry.

"Few doctors seem to question the fact that the vast majority of our continuing education is paid for, either directly or indirectly, by the pharmaceutical industry," Dr. Moulds writes in the *Australian Medical Journal*.

(Source: *The Australian*, 19th Oct., 1992)

PROZAC LINKED TO MASSACRES?

Several reports have been circulated over the past two years that warrant further investigation. The essence of these rumours is that nearly all of the "gun toting maniac massacres" have one thing in common - the drug Prozac.

Have you ever wondered why the last few years has seen a sudden increase in reports of crazed men shooting up schools, shopping centres, families, and then themselves?

Well, the Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) have reported an alarming link between Prozac and these 'crazed' men.

Despite Time Magazine in a July 1990 edition stating: "There is no need for everyone to be scared away from Prozac, since it has proved safe and effective for many people." - it seems that nothing could be further from the truth.

For example:-

* More than 14,000 adverse reactions



by Prozac users have been reported to the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) since Prozac's release in 1987. These include delirium, hallucinations, convulsion, violent hostility and aggression, psychosis and attempted suicide. Sound familiar?

* Major medical journals have reported aggressive and suicidal tendencies in persons taking Prozac.

* In one year alone just recently, nearly 50 lawsuits have been filed against Eli Lilly & Company (the manufacturers) seeking almost USD\$1 billion in damages by families of people who have committed suicide while on Prozac, families of those who have been murdered by people on Prozac, and people who have themselves been damaged while on Prozac.

* One quick example - On September 14, 1990, Joseph Wesbecker entered his former workplace in Louisville, Kentucky, and opened fire with an AK-47 assault rifle, killing eight and wounding twelve, before killing himself. Results of the coroner's scan revealed a therapeutic level of Prozac in Wesbecker's blood.

* The curse of Prozac is so widespread in the USA, that the American Trial Lawyers Association has established a special Prozac litigation section to service attorneys, and a recent issue of *Texas Lawyer* reported that Texas personal injury attorneys view Prozac as the next Dalkon Shield.

It has been alleged that Prozac was found in the blood of most of the Australian "gun toting maniacs". Nexus is currently trying to establish the validity of this claim, and will keep readers informed.

BIG BROTHER THREAT TO MEDIA?

A bizarre news item appeared in the *Sunday Telegraph* on July 5th, which read something like this.

"Most Australians have not heard of the Broadcasting Services Bill and the soon-to-be founded Australian Broadcasting Authority, but they are of vital importance.

They threaten the independence of the media and therefore the public's

right to know what is going on.

This repression is associated with a Stalinist state.

Radio and television journalists and commentators will be subject to private inquisition by public servants employed by the Broadcasting Authority.

Those people will have the power to call any of us to secret sessions. They will be empowered to demand our sources and the Act will enable them to send us off to jail for a year, if we refuse to divulge them."

The piece went on to comment about a Mr Peter Webb, who was being tipped to head the new Authority, and how Mr Webb had spent much of his working life in the NSW Attorney General's Department, 'a bizarre background for the boss of the Broadcasting Tribunal.'

(Source: *Sunday Telegraph*, July 5th, 1992)

PLANET 'X' OR JUST A BIG COMET?

The following bulletin was posted last night on CompuServe's ASTRO-FORUM:

#: 110734 S14/News/Current Events

14-Sep-92 18:07:11

Sb: #Object beyond Pluto

Fm: SKY TELESCOPE 70007,2762

To: All

There is some REALLY BIG NEWS just now breaking in the astronomical world. The IAU Central Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams has just issued IAU Circular 5611 to report the discovery of a faint object that seems to be outside the orbit of Pluto! Brian Marsden has given it the preliminary designation of an asteroid: 1992 QB1. But its true nature will be

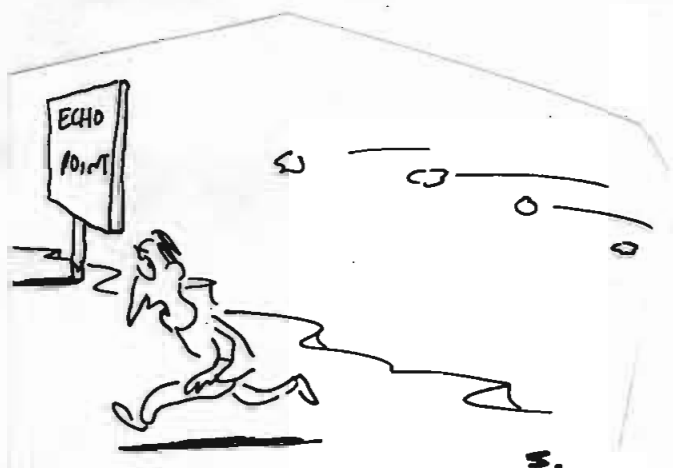
the subject of intense observations in the next few months.

Dan Green of the CBAT says they really don't want people to start calling this thing "Planet X" or the 10th planet or anything like that. It's just too soon to say. For example, he says it could turn out to be a huge comet coming in.

It is now so far away that if it is a comet on a very elongated orbit it may take 30 years to reach perihelion. Then it could well become the Comet of the (21st) Century!!

The discovery was made by David Jewitt and Jane Luu using the University of Hawaii's 2.2-meter telescope on Mauna Kea. The first images were secured August 30, but just as with the discovery of Pluto in 1930 the discovery was kept "under wraps" for a while to allow a better assessment. The object appears stellar and has a visual magnitude of 23.5.

Jewitt and Luu note that the object is fairly red, suggesting a surface rich in organics. The current position is, for 0h UT on September 15, 1992: 0h 00.09 +0d 01'.7 (2000.0). The only orbit solution Marsden has published so far is a circular one, which puts the object at 41.2 a.u. from the Sun. It is moving retrograde at only 3" per hour.



... GLOBAL NEWS ...

UPCOMING BANKING COLLAPSE?

The front page of the business section of the Oct. 4 "Washington Post" carried an in depth article describing a new banking crisis ready to spill after the election. The press had dubbed this "the December surprise".

According to the article, one out of four US commercial banks is currently bankrupt according to federal law despite the recent lowering of the liquid holding requirement from 6% to 2%.

This is NOT the continuation of the Savings and Loan crisis. These are commercial banks. The article projects a minimum of another quarter trillion dollars for this new fiasco. FDIC is currently 6 billion overdrawn (since April 91), and another 60 some billion will soon need to be allocated to clean up the S&L thing.

The article reports that this new bank crisis is being handled much the same as was first. Congress and the political parties have agreed to put this issue off until after the election. Surprise!

Further reported, the media believes that this issue is too complex for the American public to grasp.

SPEAKING OF TIDAL WAVES

Geographers have recently found evidence of a tsunami that swept a wave some 40 metres high onto the south

coast of Australia some 100,000 years ago.

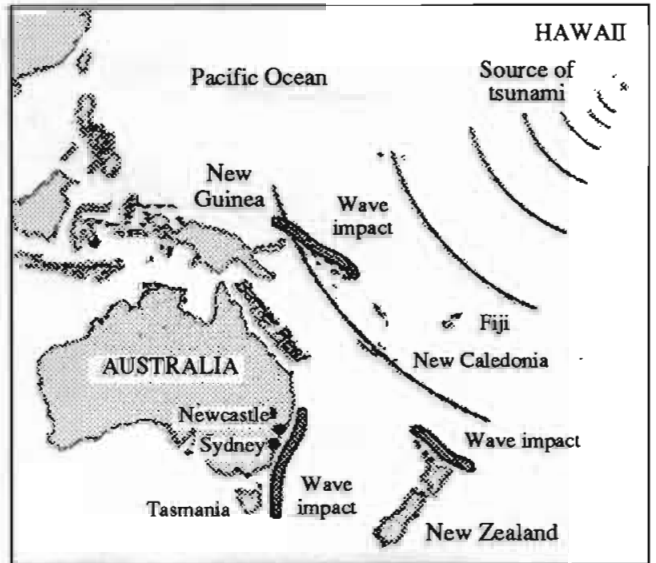
Bob Yound and Ted Bryant, of the Department of Geography at the University of Wollongong, NSW, began to suspect that a tsunami might have hit Australia's coast, when in 1989 they read a research paper describing an enormous submarine landslide, that took place off the island of Hawaii 105,000 years ago. In it, researcher calculated that this avalanche would have generated a tsunami reaching 375 metres above sea level on nearby islands.

Even though the wave had reduced in size to approx 40 metres high, it still had the strength to toss about rocks weighing 20 tonnes or more.

This means that if a similar underwater landslide, or underwater volcano were to occur in the vicinity of say New Zealand, or Fiji, eastern Australia would experience a wave between 40 and 375 metres high!

Worse still, we would have little, if any warning of such an event.

(Source: *New Scientist*, 17 October, 1992)



plied, regardless of whether the practitioner is a member of one of the 23 associations recognised in the Therapeutic Goods Regulation.

It was also implied that if the consultation is with a doctor, the medicine and the consultation are exempt from the tax. This means that it would cost even more to see a natural therapist than a doctor.

(Source: *Tinctures*, MediHerb Pty Ltd, PO Box 713, Warwick, Qld 4370)

WOMEN'S WEEKLY SLAMS HERBAL MEDICINE

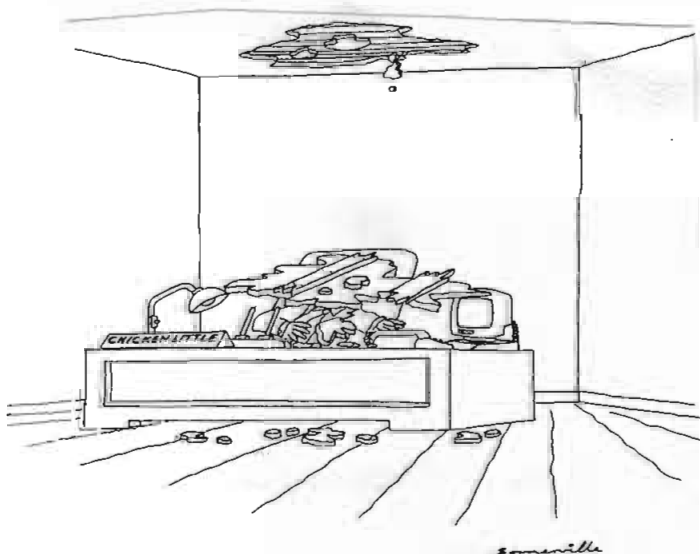
I wonder how many readers of Nexus read the April 1992 issue of Women's Weekly. I certainly didn't, which is why I missed the article by Dr. Frances McKenzie, which slammed herbal medicine. The article which contained many errors, was a summary of articles which appeared in other magazines, and which were written about overseas countries, and past practices in Australia. The author did not seem to be aware of the existence of the TGA and its role in enforcing standards for the industry in Australia.

The article referred to deaths in recent months which had been attributed to herbal medicines. As a result, the National Herbalists Association of Australia (NHAA) has lodged a formal complaint to the Press Council of Australia.

I wouldn't have bothered, after all

NATURAL THERAPIES TO COST MORE UNDER G.S.T.

In a letter from Dr. Bob Woods, Opposition Health Spokesperson to MediHerb on 14th July 1992, it was revealed that under a coalition government, any consultation with an alternative practitioner may be taxed at 15%, as will the the medicines prescribed and sup-



who takes Women's Weekly seriously anyway?

(Source: Tinctures, MediHerb Pty Ltd, PO Box 713, Warwick, Qld 4370)

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Jimmy Breslin from *Newsday* provided a few interesting facts about 'Stormin' Norman Schwartzkopf Senior, the father of the commander of the US forces during the Gulf War. It seems that Schwartzkopf Snr, a retired policeman, was an advisor to the Iranian National Police when Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh announced the nationalisation of the oil companies.

As Breslin said 'Throughout much of modern history, through conflicts and murky differences, there seems to be an indisputable fact. If you touch the oil of the English speaking world, the first thing they do is kill'.

Schwartzkopf worked with the CIA's Kim Roosevelt, who co-ordinated the overthrow of Mossadegh, the return of the Shah, and the installation as Prime Minister of Schwartzkopf's assistant, Fazlollah Zahedi, who had spent World War II interned by the British as a Nazi sympathiser.

Decades later, Schwartzkopf Jnr., stood with planes screaming overhead and his job, like his father who went before him, was to serve American oil.

(Source: *Hard Facts for Hard Times*, No. 22, May 1991)

CHILD VACCINE WITHDRAWN DUE TO LINKS WITH BRAIN DISEASE

A child vaccine withdrawn from the Australian market 18 months ago because of links to the brain disease meningitis, may have been unwittingly used by hundreds of doctors.

The Pluserix vaccine against measles, mumps, and rubella was withdrawn from health department clinics in May 1991, but most doctors and the general public were not told of the ban because the Federal Health Department decided it could still stay listed on the national register.

(Source: *Sunday Telegraph*, October 11th, 1992, page 3)

FLUORIDE FANTASIES

TOOTH DECAY IS NOT REDUCED BY WATER FLUORIDATION!

"...all surveys both here and in western Europe show that the reduction in [dental] caries over the past 20 years is just as great in unfluoridated as in fluoridated communities."

-- John R. Lee, M.D.

Even "...the *Journal of the American Dental Association* [states] that 'the current reported decline in caries in the U.S. and other Western industrialised countries has been observed in both fluoridated and nonfluoridated communities, with percentage reductions in each community apparently about the same.'"

-- Chemical & Engineering News, August 1, 1988

A computer analysis of the data from the largest dental survey ever done - of nearly 40,000 school children - by the National Institutes of Dental Research revealed no correlation between tooth decay and fluoridation. In fact, many of the non-fluoridated cities had better tooth decay rates than fluoridated cities. The city with the lowest rate of tooth decay was not fluoridated. Of the three with the highest rate of decay, two were partially fluoridated.

the Missouri State Bureau of Dental Health "had conducted a survey of more than 6,500 lifelong resident second- and sixth-grade children in various parts of Missouri and found that, overall ... 'there were no significant differences between children drinking optimally fluoridated water and children drinking suboptimally fluoridated water.'"

-- Albritt W. Burgstahler, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry, University of Kansas

"... school districts reporting the highest caries-free rates, were totally unfluoridated. How does one explain this?"

--A.S. Gray, D.D.S., *Journal of the Canadian Dental Association*, No.10, 1987.

INFANT MORTALITY RATES ARE HIGHEST IN FLUORIDATED CITIES

Figures released by the National Centre for Health Statistics reveal that infant mortality is a big problem in the United States. The data shows that the ten cities with the worst rate of infant mortality have all been artificially fluoridated at least 17 years or longer!

After the first fully year of fluoridation Kansas city, Missouri's infant mortality increased 13%.

--*The Kansas City Star*, November 21, 1982

After the fifth year of fluoridation in Kansas City, infant mortality increased 36%.

-- *The Kansas City Star*, February 26, 1987

Japan, with no fluoridation, has the lowest infant mortality rate in the industrialised world, and the longest life expectancy.

For more information on artificial fluoridation, we recommend readers to: The Australian Fluoridation News, GPO Box 935G, Melbourne Vic 3001. This is a bi-monthly publication, which costs \$15 per annum.